and that he could not move in the matter without the required money.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Why were tenders called for even before acquisition proceedings were begun ?

Mr. G. B E. Truscott : To save time.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Has any time been saved in the present instance ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Ordinarily, we should have saved some time.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Does the one year's delay, in this instance, show that there is any saving of time ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott ; Sir, the member knows all about the subject. There was a faulty tender. That is the reason for the delay.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankarn (*Nominated*) : Has the land been acquired now ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No, but we have lands enough for the work to be started.

Issue of contracts to non-Travancoreans for construction of roads.

2. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether contracts for the construction of roads in the State are given to non-Travancoreans ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No, not generally.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know why even in exceptional cases contracts for the construction of the roads should be given to non-Travancoreans ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott ; There have been only two exceptions in which contracts, for the supply of road material, for roads in Perumpavur, Kuttamangalam and one other place, were given to non-Travancoreans ; and that was because their quotations were better.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I point out to the member that the question is about contracts for the construction of roads and not for the supply of road material ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : In regard to road construction, so far as I know, no contract has been given to any non-Travancorean.

Enquiry re nationality of applicants for entry into public service.

3. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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